



## East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)

### Work programme 2007 / 2008

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#### Current work programme

	Work item	Issues	Action
1.	<b>Stroke Care Scrutiny Review</b>	Target to submit report to HOSC 19 March 2009. Review to be started following work programme approval.	HOSC 16 June 2008
2.	<b>Nutrition and Feeding in Hospitals Scrutiny Review</b>	Review to be started following conclusion of the stroke care review. HOSC will explore opportunities to work with Local Involvement Network (LINK) on this review.	2009
3.	<b>Fit for the Future</b>	<p>This consultation is about developing the strategy for improving health care in Surrey and Sussex.</p> <p>23 June 2006: Debbie Bamford, East Sussex Transitional Lead Chief Executive questioned.</p> <p>August 2006 – draft sustainability plans received.</p> <p>22 September 2006 – Nick Yeo, Chief Executive, East Sussex PCTs questioned.</p> <p>30 November 2006 – Nick Yeo, Chief Executive East Sussex PCTs and Cllr John Barnes, Chairman, East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT advised HOSC and outlined Fit for the Future parameters.</p> <p>23 March 2007 – Nick Yeo, Chief Executive East Sussex PCTs advised HOSC on Fit for the Future proposals and consultation plan which ran from 26 March to 27 July 2007.</p> <p>17 May to 25 July 2008 – HOSC evidence gathering sessions</p>	

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		<p>21 September 2007 – Progress update on PCTs consultation and evidence gathering.</p> <p>10 October 2007 – HOSC agreed recommendations and report to PCTs. Report distributed week beginning 15 October 2007.</p> <p>30 November 2007 – Nick Yeo updated HOSC. PCTs Board 20 December 2007 to review all the evidence on Fit for the Future options</p> <p>20 December 2007 – PCT Boards recommend single site consultant led maternity unit in Hastings and midwife led unit in Eastbourne. PCT Boards accepted all recommendations in the HOSC report.</p> <p>28 January 2008 – HOSC recommended referral of PCTs decision to single site to the Secretary of State for an independent review unless the PCTs change their position. PCTs' response received 20 February 2008.</p> <p>3 March 2008 – HOSC confirmed decision to refer the decision to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>31 March 2008 – Referral submitted to Secretary of State. A full review by the Independent Reconfiguration Panel would take 6-8 months.</p> <p>2 May 2008 – Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) confirmed that a full review will be undertaken. Review expected to draw to a close in June 2008. After that the IRP will make recommendations to the Secretary of State who is expected to announce his decision in the Autumn</p> <p>16 June 2008 – HOSC to receive update on maternity strategy from PCTs.</p>	<p>Await Secretary of State's decision – expected Autumn 2008</p> <p>HOSC 16 June 2008</p>
4.	<b>Fit for the Future in West Sussex and Brighton and Hove</b>	<p>23 March 2007 – John Wilderspin, Chief Executive, West Sussex PCT at HOSC.</p> <p>26 June 2007 – West Sussex PCT and Brighton and Hove PCT publish proposals and consultation programme. Joint HOSC formed – Brighton and Hove City Council, East Sussex CC, Hampshire CC, Portsmouth City Council, Surrey CC, West Sussex CC. Cllr Phillips and Cllr Rogers members from East Sussex HOSC.</p> <p>4 July 2007 - Inaugural meeting of Joint HOSC</p> <p>25 July 2007 – Joint HOSC – decision to refer the consultation process to the Secretary of State for Health on the basis that the consultation process with the committee had been inadequate in terms of time and otherwise flawed.</p>	

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		<p>September 2007 to April 2008 –Joint HOSC evidence gathering</p> <p>2 May 2008 Joint HOSC final report published.</p> <p>7 May 2008 West Sussex PCT board chooses ‘model three’ – one major general hospital and two local general hospitals, ‘plus’.</p> <p>4 June 2008 – West Sussex PCT decided that major general hospital will be St Richards, Chichester or Worthing.</p> <p>25 June 2008 – Joint HOSC meet to review PCT’s decisions.</p> <p>10 July 2008 – West Sussex PCT confirm or amend decisions made, taking into account the views of the Joint HOSC</p> <p>23 July 2008 – Joint HOSC meet to determine final view on proposals and to consider referral to Secretary of State</p>	<p>HOSC 16 June 2008 update</p>
5.	<b>Choose and Book (now branded Choice and Booking by Department of Health)</b>	<p>1 December 2005: HOSC agreed to maintain a watching brief on ‘Choose and Book’ to address particular concerns that appear to be hindering full and effective implementation.</p> <p>August 2006: Preliminary indication – performance data for East Sussex particularly hard to get. Nationally the number of referrals via Choose and Book is increasing and averages at 21%. The South East Coast SHA is achieving 11%. East Sussex scoring approximately 5% against a planned 35%. Within Surrey and Sussex, East Sussex icurrently the worst performing area.</p> <p>22 September 2006: HOSC critical of ‘disappointing’ roll out across the county. The problem was blamed on technical problems and on the fact that important data had yet to be uploaded to the system by the acute trust. HOSC requested the financial implications for the slow take-up to be assessed.</p> <p>30 November 2006: HOSC noted improvement in performance of Choose and Book. Currently 600 referrals a week across East Sussex. This compares with 89/90 a week in September 2006.</p> <p>HOSC concerned that East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust has taken orthopaedics ‘off menu’. Choose and Book team liaising with GPs and trying to improve capacity.</p> <p>Choose and Book management team in place until March 2007.</p> <p>20 March 2008 – John Vesely, Director of Primary Care and Mark Lavender, Interim Choose and Book Project Manager, East Sussex PCTs updated HOSC on Choice and Booking. Referrals in East Sussex running 20% to 30% and national target is 90%. Hardware, software and user</p>	

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		friendliness, lack of named consultant issues highlighted and Mr Vesely said that these had been resolved in the main. Confident that East Sussex referrals will reach 50% by September. Suggested 90% target is unattainable as this target assumes all referrals are good for Choice and Booking.	HOSC 16 September 2008: update
6.	<b>Primary Care Access / GP led health centres</b>	Item at HOSC 16 June 2008 with John Vesely, Director of Primary Care, East Sussex PCTs Likely update November 2008/ March 2009 (contract must be awarded by December 2008)	HOSC 16 June 2008
7.	<b>Older people's mental health services – next phase</b>	20 March 2008 – Andrew Dean, Associate Director Older People's and Forensic Services, Sussex Partnership NHS Trust outlined plans on local strategy for reducing bed based provision in favour of community based care. Proposed closure of Beechwood – acute organic assessment unit with 16 beds in Uckfield. Resources released to fund community based care. Also short-term move of Milton Court, Eastbourne – acute organic assessment unit with 14 beds to Beechwood. Eventual plan to merge Heathfield and Milton Court into a new building in Eastbourne. 24-30 beds in the south west and 24-30 beds in the north east.  HOSC set up a Task group to scrutinise various issues e.g. consultation plan, investment in community services etc  14 April 2008 – inaugural meeting of Task Group. Terms of reference agreed  30 May 2008 – second meeting of Task Group and visit to Beechwood.  16 June 2008 HOSC – Report back from Task Group and joint presentation on the strategy for older people's mental health services: , Andrew Dean, Associate Director Older People's and Forensic Services, Sussex Partnership NHS Trust and Kate Dawson, Head of Strategic Commissioning (Mental Health Social Care and Supporting People), Adult Social Care, East Sussex County Council (Unable to attend - Martin Packwood, Commissioning Manager, East Sussex PCTs)	HOSC 16 June 2008 – update report from Mr Dean and report from task group plus joint presentation
8.	<b>Shaping the future of mental health, learning disability and substance</b>	The Sussex Partnership NHS was formed on 1 April 2006 covering East Sussex, Brighton & Hove and West Sussex. East Sussex HOSC will retain an independent scrutiny of mental health and learning disability with issues being referred to neighbouring HOSCs only when a joint approach is required (17 March 2006 HOSC).  March 2006: HOSC commented on the consultation leading up to the formation of the new Trust.	

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	<b>misuse services in Sussex</b>	<p>22 September 2006 HOSC: Lorraine Reid, Executive Director for East Sussex Locality, Sussex Partnership Trust briefed HOSC on organisation of services. The Trust and service commissioners are working together to reduce out-of-hours treatment and to give service users greater choice in their treatment. The drive is toward treating people earlier and trying to reduce the number of patients who develop acute conditions. HOSC identified the following outstanding concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High percentage of prisoners and war veterans with mental health problems</li> <li>• Negative perception that older people have about hospital stays and the level of communication required to change these perceptions and to reduce their anxieties around this area.</li> <li>• Future use and plans for Seaford Day Hospital and Homefield Place. (Written response received)</li> </ul> <p>23 March 2007 HOSC wrote to Lisa Rodrigues to highlight concerns about the lack of consultation with the local community and with HOSC on plans for Homefield Place. Lisa Rodrigues responded.</p> <p>HOSC 21 September 2007 – Lorraine Reid explained that service plans for the future are in construction. Commissioning strategies are in place for all but one of the care groups. The adult mental health strategy is scheduled for completion in October 2007.</p> <p>HOSC 16 September 2008 to receive update on mental health services developments and foundation trust status</p>	HOSC 16 September 2008 - update
9.	<b>NHS Dentistry</b>	<p>This item remains from an original list of potential topics generated by HOSC in October 2003.</p> <p>Full details of the new dental contract provisions are available on the Department of Health website: <i>What you need to know about changes to NHS dentistry in England</i>.</p> <p>HOSC: 23 June 2006 –highlighted concerns and requested further report.</p> <p>22 September 2006 HOSC view: The new dental contract has not helped NHS dentistry services in East Sussex. HOSC remains concerned that some of the most vulnerable people may not be receiving dental treatment and health inequalities are not being addressed adequately.</p> <p>HOSC: 30 November 2006 noted that:</p>	

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		<p>PCTs and dentists are still embedding new contract changes</p> <p>PCTs consider there is a match between provision and need. Higher numbers of dentists are now accepting NHS patients. Contract disputes reduced and resolved.</p> <p>No major impact in localities of rejected contracts.</p> <p>Contract has no major long term impact on Emergency Dental Services.</p> <p>Estimate £1m patient charges deficit this year.</p> <p>HOSC endorsed the proposal for Community Dental Services (CDS) clinics based in Crowborough and Heathfield to close and patients to be transferred to enhanced Uckfield and Hailsham clinics. HOSC's endorsement is subject to the service consulting all affected patients and resolving any additional transport requirements.</p> <p>HOSC will maintain a watching brief on waiting times for CDS patients which are considered to be poor even with the anticipated improvements. (After 12 months: Heathfield from 10 to 8 weeks and Crowborough from 24 to 17 weeks.)</p> <p>30 November 2007 HOSC – Jane Hewitt and Phil Hamlin updated HOSC. HOSC advised: 4,000 more NHS dental patients were treated in East Sussex in 24 previous months to 31 March 2007. Over 85% of dental patients said their dental appointment was as soon as necessary. Access to NHS dentistry in county generally meets targets.</p> <p>Special Care Dental Services - no issues emerged from closure of Crowborough and Heathfield clinics. Proposed merger of Seaford clinic and Peacehaven delayed until Summer 2008 when it is expected staff will be up to establishment.</p> <p>HOSC asked for numbers and locations of NHS dentistry surgeries which have wheelchair access. Patients Association Dental Report published March 2008.</p>	<p>HOSC 27 November 2008 update report (provisional date)</p>
10.	<b>Review of services to people with long term conditions (March 2006)</b>	<p>HOSC (17 March 06) endorsed the scrutiny review recommendation that the Transforming Chronic Care Programme (TCCP) public forum should facilitate wider coverage in East Sussex. The scrutiny review will continue to meet to maintain a watching brief on:</p> <p>Information sharing and patient pathways for people with long term conditions related health inequality issues.</p>	

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		<p>December 2006 – update paper drafted and to be reviewed in the New Year by Project Board (Cllr Rogers, O’Keeffe, Wilson and Martin.)</p> <p>February 2007 – East Sussex wide Long-term Condition Strategic Steering Group established. It will lead and contribute to the strategic development and direction of the Long Term Care agenda including models of LTC care. It will build on the legacy of the Transforming Chronic Care Programme.</p> <p>23 March 2007 – HOSC advised on East Sussex wide Long Term Conditions Steering Group and its aims</p> <p>6 March 2008 - Sarah Crouch revisiting TCCP health and social care survey and TCCP general population survey (2005) – results expected July 2008. PCTs Long Term Conditions Steering Group to contact on progress. Michelle Croucher and Fiona Streeter</p>	<p>HOSC 16 September 2008 – update report</p>
11.	<b>Local Involvement Netorks (LINKs)</b>	<p>February 2007 – ESCC Community Services Scrutiny Review initiated review on Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sector (VCS). Scope included the Council's role in establishing a LINK which the Government proposes should replace PPI Forums.</p> <p>July 2007 – Interim report from Scrutiny Review – the establishment of a LINK in East Sussex</p> <p>HOSC 21 September – HOSC noted progress on development of East Sussex LINK and agreed should be a standing item on HOSC agenda until LINK established.</p> <p>HOSC 30 November 2007 – Procurement of ‘host organisation’ to support the LINK procurement underway.</p> <p>1 April 2008 – LINK established and expected to be fully operational by the end of the summer. East Sussex Disability Association (ESDA) appointed as host to provide support to the LINK. LINK representative to join HOSC. Janet Colvert, Chair LINK Interim Core Group</p>	<p>HOSC 16 June 2008 – update report</p>
12.	<b>Carers’ Review (March 2005)</b>	<p>The review, concluded in June 2006 examined range of issues around supporting carers including attitude of GPs towards carers, strengths and weaknesses of the carers’ assessment process and experience of carers in hospital admission and discharge.</p> <p>30 November 2006: HOSC noted progress in implementation of recommendations in Children’s Services’ June 2006 review of support to young carers.</p> <p>Care for the Carers support the direction of travel set out in the young carers’ development and</p>	

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		<p>improvement plan. HOSC endorsed the satisfactory progress and is encouraged to see the issues being addressed.</p> <p>16 June 2008 – Richard Baldwin, Operations Manager, Integrated Services (West) and Mark Braddock, Manager of Services for Young Carers, Care for the Carers to update HOSC on services for young carers progress</p>	HOSC 16 June 2008: update report.
13.	<b>Foundation Status – East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust</b>	<p>May 2007 – Sussex Partnership NHS Trust (SPT) and East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust (ESHT) announced they will be seeking foundation trust status. HOSC is in preliminary discussions on the issue and its likely impact on each Trust's strategic direction.</p> <p>ESHT consultation started in July 2007 while the SPT consultation scheduled to start September/October and run to December/January 2007.</p> <p>14 June 2007 - Preliminary meeting between HOSC and Trusts representatives.</p> <p>21 September HOSC – response to ESHT consultation. Consultation period ended 29 September 2007. Foundation Trust application to be submitted 1 November 2007.</p> <p>27 November letter to HOSC from Chairman of Trust – defer application for period of three months to March 2008</p>	HOSC awaiting announcement from the Trust
14.	<b>Foundation Status – Sussex Partnership NHS Trust</b>	<p>5 October 2007 – Sussex Partnership Trust NHS foundation trust application: public consultation 8 October to 28 December 2007.</p> <p>14 October 2007 - Proposal document distributed to HOSC members</p> <p>30 November 2007 HOSC – Lisa Rodrigues Chief Executive and Ann Merricks Assistant Chief Executive update HOSC</p> <p>28 December 2007 – consultation ended</p>	HOSC awaiting announcement from the Trust
15.	<b>Annual Health Check (Review of Healthcare Commission draft declarations for each local NHS</b>	<p>HOSC to comment on each of the East Sussex PCTs, East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust, Sussex Partnership Trust, South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust and Brighton &amp; Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust.</p> <p>12 October 2006: Healthcare Commission 2005/2006 assessment and ratings for the NHS in East Sussex published. Detailed information: <a href="http://www.healthcarecommission.org.uk">www.healthcarecommission.org.uk</a></p> <p>23 March 2007 – HOSC submitted commentary on the performance of NHS organisations</p>	



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	<b>trust)</b>	<p>against the few relevant national standards.</p> <p>20 March 2008 – HOSC agreed to make no comments this year due to Fit for the Future work taking precedence and utilising all HOSC's resources.</p>	2007/2008 process completed
16.	<b>Delayed transfers of care (DTCs)</b>	<p>3 March 2006: Special HOSC noted that East Sussex has worst performance on DTCs for the previous three years. HOSC questioned Kim Hodgson (Chief Executive of East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust) on actions being taken by the trust.</p> <p>22 September 2006: HOSC noted consistently improving performance by Adult Social Care over the last year, but a worsening position for other reasons for delayed transfers of care. DTCs show a sustained improvement in East Sussex but HOSC is still concerned at the comparatively high level of cases. HOSC does not believe the DTC position is satisfactory. The emphasis is on preventative services and reducing the number of people admitted to hospital. East Sussex County Council paid almost £1.4 million in fines in 2005/06 to East Sussex Hospitals Trust for DTCs.</p> <p>30 November 2006: HOSC noted an improving position on delayed transfers of care.</p> <p>23 March 2007 – HOSC noted continuing improvement on numbers of delayed transfers of care, particularly those delayed for social services reasons. Evaluation information on the East Sussex Emergency Care Practitioner scheme provided.</p>	On going monitoring
17.	<b>Audiology</b>	May 2008 - Further update on waiting times required to determine whether these have improved.	Information request to PCTs immediately and action depending on outcome.

## Potential 'reactive' topics

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These are topics which the local NHS organisations are likely to raise with HOSC and HOSC may need to respond to. It is expected that further topics will arise during the year but those below are those we are currently aware of.

	Item	Issue	Action
1.	<b>East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT community hospitals review</b>	Watching brief. Timescale dependent on outcomes from ongoing debate amongst GPs and PCTs. John Vesely could be asked to report on progress in June.	

## Further 'proactive' topics being considered

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	Item	Issue	Action
1.	<b>Development plans of Brighton and Sussex University NHS Trust</b>	BSUH compiling business case for major redevelopment of Royal Sussex County Hospital site as Critical Care and Tertiary Centre	Future agenda item or briefing
2.	<b>End of life care</b>	Future agenda item to review local implementation of national strategies. Possibility of recommendations from the stroke review impacting on this topic.	Schedule for 2009
3.	<b>Immunisation and infectious diseases</b>	Possible future agenda item or briefing on take up of immunisations and reporting of infectious diseases. Link to cervical cancer item below.	Schedule as and when appropriate
4.	<b>Mental Health Capacity Act</b>	Potential topic for a task group led by Cllr O'Keeffe. Initial research to be undertaken with Cllr O'Keeffe.	Meeting to be arranged with Cllr O'Keeffe

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5.	<b>Pacesetters programme</b>	New NHS equality and diversity programme with patient and public involvement elements.	Future agenda item or briefing
6.	<b>Prison health Care</b>	PCTs recently taken over responsibility for prison healthcare. Lewes prison recently expanded capacity.	Future agenda item or briefing
7.	<b>Vaccination cervical cancer</b>	Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination due to be introduced by PCTs from Autumn 2008	HOSC 27 November 2008 and then update in 6 months or 12 months as appropriate
8.	<b>Continuing healthcare</b>	Implementation of new national criteria for access to NHS Continuing Healthcare	Watching brief on the local situation
9.	<b>Infection control</b>	Performance of local NHS on infection control targets, notably Cloistridium Difficile and Methycillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)	Watching brief on the outcomes from the various national and local strategies.

## Completed work

	Item	Issue	Completed
1.	East Sussex PCTs information requests	<p>14 January 2008 – <b>mobile community glaucoma</b> service briefing received following query from a GP practice. GP now taking matters up with the PCT direct. Not a substantial variation.</p> <p>6 March 2008 – <b>Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)</b> – 10 April 2008 additional information received from Nick Yeo</p> <p>17 April 2008 – <b>Age related macular degeneration treatment</b> – Nick Yeo confirmed patients who meet the draft NICE guidance are automatically approved for treatment</p>	<p>21 May 2008 - no further action</p> <p>21 May 2008 - no further action</p> <p>21 May 2008 - no further action</p>
2.	Haemophilia services	<p>October 2007 – Configuration of haemophilia services – Pan Thames Haemophilia Consortium proposing a review.</p> <p>March 2008 – Peter Finn, Head of Commissioning, East Sussex PCTs supplied initial information. Specialised services commissioners' scrutiny.</p>	21 May 2008 - no further action anticipated
3.	Burns services	<p>Regional proposals are awaited on the provision of burns services affecting East Sussex. Lead HOSC member.</p> <p>30 November 2006: Nation Burns Care consultation stalled. Proposals not expected until the New Year.</p> <p>Department of Health consultation underway on 'Planning for the management of burn injured patients in the event of a major incident'. Closing date: 31 January 2007.</p>	May 2008 - HOSC: no future action anticipated
4.	<p>Patient and Public Involvement Forums (PPIFs)</p> <p><i>A stronger local voice consultation and development of Local Involvement Networks</i></p>	<p>HOSC members "buddy" with individual PPIFs and maintain a relationship by attending some of the PPIF public meetings and then reporting activity between HOSC and PPIFs.</p> <p>July 2006: Department of Health published <i>A Stronger Local Voice</i> for information and comment. The proposals include:</p> <p>The abolition of PPIFs and the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health. Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) to be established by every local</p>	

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		<p>authority (supported with additional funding) with social services responsibilities            LINks to have special relationship with HOSCs and the power to refer matters to them.</p> <p>HOSCs in future to be encouraged to focus on the commissioning of services.</p> <p>September 2006: PPIFs in East Sussex reconfiguring to match new PCT structure.</p> <p>22 September 2006: HOSC considered Department of Health proposals to replace PPI Forums with local involvement networks (LINKs). HOSC criticised proposals which would see public and patient representatives lose their right to inspect hospitals and other NHS institutions. However, HOSC welcomed proposals to enhance the scope of HOSCs under the new arrangements. Press release issued. HOSC also relays its views to SHA and Department of Health.</p> <p>December 2006: government is to allow inspections of hospitals and other NHS institutions by LINKs. This followed lobbying by HOSCs and other stakeholders.</p> <p>February 2007 – ongoing discussions on how the relationships between PPI Forums and HOSC will evolve through the formation of LINKs.</p> <p>23 March 2007 – HOSC noted national and local developments in terms of LINKs. A third co-opted member will join HOSC.</p> <p>21 September HOSC – Professor Peter Cox Chairman Hastings &amp; Rother PCT PPI Forum nominated PPI Forum HOSC representative and joins HOSC. Individual HOSC members allocated to each PPI Forum.</p> <p>31 March 2008 – PPI Forums disbanded. Professor Peter Cox stands down from HOSC.</p>	<p>1 April 2008 – closed. Local Involvement Network (LINK) supersedes PPI Forums</p>
5.	<p><i>Best Care, Best Place</i> – Joint health overview and scrutiny committee with West Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City</p>	<p>March 2005: The Joint HOSC commented on NHS proposals to make substantial changes to health services in the Brighton and central Sussex area. (The joint committee comprised three members each from the HOSCs of East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton and Hove. The three East Sussex HOSC members are Councillor Philip Howson, Councillor David Rogers and Mr Ralph Chapman).</p> <p>August 2006: The Joint HOSC agreed to reconvene later in the year to consider</p>	

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	Council (March 2005)	<p>progress with implementation.</p> <p>17 March and 23 June 2006: East Sussex HOSC expressed concerns about the short term and long term future of Newhaven Rehabilitation Centre.</p> <p>28 September 2006 – the reconvened joint HOSC is investigating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A&amp;E waiting times and on ambulance journey times, service modelling and protocols.</li> <li>• Staffing numbers and any recruitment gaps in children’s inpatient medical services at Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital in Brighton.</li> <li>• The draft business case for the re-provision of the Hurstwood Park Neuroscience Unit at Princess Royal Hospital. The unit will not be progressed further until ‘Fit for the Future’ consultation has been issued. The delay is not having an impact on service.</li> <li>• Update on transition to community and intermediate provision.</li> <li>• Addressing transport provision. Some progress noted but more needs to be made.</li> <li>• Audiology waiting times</li> <li>• future sustainability of two-site provision of maternity services and the effectiveness of Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust communications.</li> </ul> <p>30 November 2006: HOSC noted progress</p> <p>11 February 2007 – Joint Committee met</p> <p>23 March 2007 HOSC – Progress noted. Many of the issues surrounding ‘Best Care Best Place’ have been subsumed into health service changes under ‘Fit for the Future’</p>	1 June 2007 – project closed
6.	PCT / SHA / Ambulance Trust reconfiguration (March 2006)	<p>HOSC commented on proposals in March 2006 as part of the consultation on reconfiguration of health services in East Sussex.</p> <p>Announcement 16 May 2006: two primary care trusts (PCT’s) in East Sussex: East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT and Hastings and Rother PCT from 1</p>	

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		<p>October 2006.</p> <p>The three ambulance trusts covering Kent, Surrey and Sussex will be merged to form the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust from 1 July 2006.</p> <p>The South East Coast Strategic Health Authority (SHA) established on 1 July 2006 to replace the current SHAs for Surrey and Sussex and Kent and Medway. Now called South East Coast NHS.</p> <p>30 November 2006: HOSC asked for update on the impact of reconfiguration of ambulance services in the South East and the transport issues affecting the ambulance service arising from any proposals under 'Fit for the Future'.</p> <p>27 February 2007: HOSC visit to Ambulance Headquarters for briefing and discussion on ambulance strategy and business plans. Views of the ambulance service taken during the scrutiny process on Fit for the Future.</p>	1 June 2007 – project closed
7.	Closure of All Saints Hospital, Eastbourne.	<p>All Saints Hospital closed in April 2004. Monitoring centred on the sustainability and capacity of the services put in place.</p> <p>22 September 2006 – East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust reported that All Saints Hospital site was sold by the Trust in 2005 for £5.75 million. The money was not earmarked for a particular purpose and provided a one-off in-year benefit. Revenue savings from the closure were £4 million, of which £3 million was invested in services provided by Hailsham 2 ward, Firwood House and in developing community services, with the remaining £1 million taken as a saving by the Trust.</p>	Completed September 2006.
8.	Framework for substantial variation	Worked in partnership with local NHS trusts and established a local definition of substantial variation and produced a consultation guide.	Completed December 2004. (HOSC to review in 2008/2009).
9.	Hospital discharge arrangements in East Sussex	Fact finding exercise on current actions being taken to improve hospital discharge arrangements completed.	Completed December 2004.
10.	Alcohol, tobacco and	Examining East Sussex Primary Care Trusts' "misuse" policies and effectiveness;	Completed September 2004.

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	substance misuse review	scrutiny of a sample of agencies.	
11.	Patients' choice review	Examined GP appointment systems; access targets; out of hours services in East Sussex. First phase completed.	Completed March 2004
12.	Scrutiny of East Sussex NHS local delivery plan and financial recovery plan	Examination of the effectiveness of the local delivery plan in addressing the health needs of the people of East Sussex and the robustness of the financial recovery plan and ability to meet the financial resourcing of the delivery plan. Also, the review examined the ability of the financial plan to achieve recovery from the identified deficit.  Initial report completed in March 2005.	June 2005 – project closed
13.	Sustainability in health service provision	A best value review of sustainable communities by East Sussex County Council requested that HOSC <i>investigate issues of sustainability, particularly around the provision of accident and emergency, GP and dental services, in the context of an ageing population in East Sussex, as part of its future programme.</i> The review identified issues around accessibility in terms of: transport links and rural isolation.	Issues of <i>sustainability</i> to be addressed specifically as part of all HOSC investigations.
14.	<i>Designed for Health</i> – consultation on primary care centres by Hastings and St Leonards PCT.	Consultation from 27 February until 22 May 2006 on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating primary care facilities in Hastings and St Leonards to offer a wider range of accessible services</li> <li>• Develop three purpose built centres</li> <li>• Create facilities for specialist staff, GPs, nurses and therapists.</li> </ul>	March – May 2006. Lead HOSC members are Cllrs John Wilson and Eve Martin with Rosemary Iddenden.
15.	South West Kent Health Community consultation	Response to Priority 2 completed – Children and Women's services. Trauma & Orthopaedics. Joint review with Kent HOSC.  Consultation on Priority 3: changes to trauma and orthopaedic services commenced in October 2004. Joint review with Kent HOSC. (Cllrs Tony Slack and Diane Phillips represented ESCC HOSC on the joint HOSC) with Cllr Michael Bigg (Hastings Borough Council).  Kent HOSC: Review of joint work on Women and Children's Services and Trauma and Orthopaedics. Cllr Diane Phillips represented East Sussex HOSC.	Completed March 2005.  June 2005: Report on final draft.  20 July 2006: Kent HOSC.



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